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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that yesterday Larry Chase Hendrix, 49, of Madison, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, following a one-day jury trial in federal court in Madison.

On February 9, 2006, officers from the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant at Hendrix's residence. Inside a dresser they recovered a sawed-off Remington 20 gauge shotgun and four rounds of Winchester 20 gauge ammunition.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 27, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. Hendrix faces a mandatory minimum fifteen years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison due to the fact he is an armed career criminal under federal law based upon multiple felony convictions dating back to 1975.

The charge against Hendrix was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Rita M. Rumbelow and Paul W. Connell.

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